

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for collecting, disposing, and measuring liquids, comprising:
5 a vessel including an inner surface; and
 absorption means disposed on said inner surface of said
 vessel for absorbing and collecting liquids within said vessel.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said vessel is defined as comprising an opening, side walls, and a bottom wall.
- 10 3. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said vessel is further defined as an oval-shaped receptacle including a seating surface.
4. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said vessel is made from materials selected from the group consisting essentially of plastic, polyurethane, metal, glass, and polymers.
- 15 5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said absorption means is made of material that absorbs, collects, and retains liquids including urine, water, liquid fecal matter, body fluids, and vomit.
6. The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said absorption means is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of artificial
20 and natural fibers, paper materials, sponge, cloth, and cotton materials.
7. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said absorption means further includes super-absorbing means for absorbing, collecting, and retaining liquids including urine, water, liquid fecal material, body fluids, and vomit.

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8. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said super-absorbing means is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of gel, silica, resins, powders, dessicating agents, chemical compounds, and crystals.

- 5 9. The apparatus according to claim 1 including attaching means for attaching said absorption means to said inner surface of said vessel.

10. The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said attaching means is selected from the group consisting essentially of Velcro, snaps, buttons, string, tape, glue, adhesive, elastic, and fasteners.

- 10 11. Absorption means disposed on an inner surface of a vessel for collecting liquids within said vessel.

12. The absorption means according to claim 11 that is made of material that absorbs, collects, and retains liquids including urine, water, liquid fecal matter, body fluids, and vomit.

- 15 13. The absorption means according to claim 12 that is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of artificial and natural fibers, paper materials, sponge, cloth and cotton materials.

14. The absorption means according to claim 13 including super-absorbing means for absorbing, collecting, and retaining liquids including
20 urine, water, liquid fecal material, body fluids, and vomit.

15. The absorption means according to claim 14, wherein said super-absorbing means is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of gel, silica, resins, powder, dessicating agents, chemical compounds, and crystals.

16. The absorption means according to claim 11 including attaching means for attaching said absorption means to said inner surface of said vessel.

17. The absorption means according to claim 11, wherein said vessel is selected from the group consisting essentially of a disposable bedpan and reusable bedpan.

18. A method of using an apparatus for collecting liquids comprising the steps of:

positioning the apparatus including a vessel having an inner surface and absorption means disposed on the inner surface of the vessel for absorbing liquids within the vessel; and collecting liquid and solid waste while isolating liquid waste from the solid waste in the vessel.

19. The method according to claim 18, wherein said collecting step further includes collecting only liquid waste and disposing the solid waste thereof.

20. The method according to claim 18 including the further step of determining urine output.

21. Absorption means for absorbing liquids including connecting means for connecting said absorption means to an inner surface of a vessel.

22. A disposable vessel including an inner chamber and absorption means disposed within said inner chamber for absorbing liquids.